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R 251449Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY RABAT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5546  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
USMISSION GENEVA  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3096

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PARM, UR, MO  
SUBJ: VISIT OF SOVIET OFFICIAL

REF: RABAT 2817

1. SOVIET FONMIN OFFICIAL ALEXEI SHVEDOV VISITED RABAT  
MAY 20-24. HE WAS RECEIVED INTER ALIA BY FONMIN  
BOUCETTA AND SECRETARY FOR FONAFF BADDU FOR WHAT WERE  
BILLED AS "CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF  
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE USSR AS  
WELL AS THE SSOD."

2. MFA DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS OMAR  
BELKORA TOLD EMBOFF MAY 23 THAT, AS OPPOSED TO SHVEDOV'S MARCH  
26-30 VISIT, WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY JUST "STOPPED OFF" ON HIS WAY HOME,  
CURRENT STOP WAS PART OF AN AREA SWING WHICH HAD INCLUDED  
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TUNIS AND ALGIERS. (COMMENT: IN FACT SHVEDOV'S MARCH VISIT WAS  
AN ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES OVER THE SO-CALLED FISHING  
TREATY.) THE ONLY ITEM OF SUBSTANCE CONVEYED BY BELKORA WAS  
THAT SHVEDOV MADE DEMARCHE ON SSOD. ACCORDING TO BELKORA, SOVIETS  
TOOK POSITION THAT SSOD SHOULD NOT MAKE DECISIONS WHICH WOULD UPEST  
CURRENT FORCES WHICH DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT, "NOTABLY GENEVA."  
IN THIS RESPECT, BELKORA WRYLY OBSERVED, "SOVIETS

SOUND JUST LIKE YOU AMERICANS."

3. COMMENT: DISCUSSION OBVIOUSLY COVERED OTHER SUBJECTS. MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE WAS GOM ATTEMPT TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OVER ALLEGED SOVIET STATEMENTS IN ALGIERS THAT SIGNATURE OF GOM-USSR FISHING ACCORD DID NOT SIGNIFY SOVIET RECOGNITION OF MOROCCAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SAHARA. GOM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LINE REMAINS THAT IT DOES.

4. SHVEDOV, A FORMER SOVIET AMBASSADOR HERE, IS A FREQUENT VISITOR AND IS USUALLY RECEIVED BY THE KING. THERE WAS NO MENTION IN THE PRESS OF A ROYAL AUDIENCE DURING THIS VISIT.  
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